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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN C-130 PROGRAM

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1. YOU WERE CORRECT IN YOUR ASSUMPTION THAT NO USAF PILOTS
WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ANY C-130 LEASE PROGRAM THAT MIGHT BE
DEVELOPED FOR THE GOE.

2. DOD IS SEEKING TO DEVELOP, ON A PRIORITY BASIS, LEASE
OPTIONS THAT MIGHT BE RESPONSIVE TO THE GOE'S DESIRE FOR
EARLY DELIVERY OF C-130'S AND WILL REVIEW POSSIBILITY OF
WAIVING CERTAIN COSTS TO EXTENT FEASIBLE OR COMBINING
COSTS IF FEASIBLE WITH THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AC-

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CELERATED DELIVERY OF PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT. FYI. THE
ACCELERATED DELIVERY PAYMENT SCHEDULE HAS BEEN REEVALUATED
AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE EAF CAN RECEIVE THE 14 PEACE
PYRAMID II AIRCRAFT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCELERATED
DELIVERY SCHEDULE WITH ONLY A SMALL CHANGE TO THE ORIGINAL
PAYMENT SCHEDULE. INFO WILL FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL. END FYI.

3. PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH A LEASE PROGRAM, WE WILL HAVE TO BRIEF THE CONGRESS ON THE ISSUE. THEREFORE, WE NEED BACKGROUND MATERIAL TO EXPLAIN BOTH THE URGENCY OF THE PROGRAM AND THE SPECIFIC USES SADAT PLANS FOR THE AIRCRAFT. IT IS CLEAR THAT OUR ABILITY TO WAIVE SOME COSTS WILL BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE CONGRESSIONAL PERCEPTION OF SADAT'S INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR USE. FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL ALSO ARISE WITH RESPECT TO THE EAF'S ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY ABSORB ADDITIONAL C-130'S IN THE NEAR TERM AS WELL AS THEIR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN THEM TO USAF STANDARDS DURING THE TERM OF THE LEASE. (N.B. VERY FACT THAT GOE HAS REQUESTED USAF PILOTS UNDERSCORES THIS POINT.)

4. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE EGYPTIANS TO OBTAIN AS FULL AN EXPLANATION OF THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT CONSIDER APPROPRIATE AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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